

The Order for the Worship of God

July 13, 2025
11:00 a.m.

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements **(Please turn your cell phone to “silent” mode. Thank you!)**

Prelude *Breathe on Me* arr. Kurt Kaiser
Judy Bailey, piano; Norm Malenke, cello

Call to Worship from Psalm 13

PASTOR: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
ALL: I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

*Hymn #76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners, but in Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live for him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to your glory: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – one God in three persons forever. Amen.

*Hymn #95 *Though Troubles Assail Us* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Lamentations 3:19-24; 4:11-13; 5:19-22

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #24: Lamentations Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

While the author of Lamentations remains nameless within the book, strong evidence from both inside and outside the text points to the prophet Jeremiah as the author. Both Jewish and Christian tradition ascribe authorship to Jeremiah, and the Septuagint—the Greek translation of the Old Testament—even adds a note asserting Jeremiah as the writer of the book. In addition, when the early Christian church father Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, he added a note claiming Jeremiah as the author of Lamentations.

The original name of the book in Hebrew, *ekah*, can be translated “Alas!” or “How,” giving the sense of weeping or lamenting over some sad event.¹ Later readers and translators substituted in the title “Lamentations” because of its clearer and more evocative meaning. It’s this idea of lamenting that, for many, links Jeremiah to the book. Not only does the author of the book witness the results of the recent destruction of Jerusalem, he seems to have witnessed the invasion itself (1:13-15). Jeremiah was present for both events.

Like the book of Job, Lamentations pictures a man of God puzzling over the results of evil and suffering in the world. However, while Job dealt with unexplained evil, Jeremiah lamented a tragedy entirely of Jerusalem’s making. The people of this once great city experienced the judgment of the holy God, and the results were devastating. But at the heart of this book, at the center of this lament over the effects of sin in the world, sit a few verses devoted to hope in the Lord (3:22-25). This statement of faith standing strong in the midst of the surrounding darkness shines as a beacon to all those suffering under the consequences of their own sin and disobedience.

*Hymn #713 *Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer* words printed on back
(stanzas 1-3 and 6)

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS AT 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children meet in classroom #3.

SIX WEEK’S STUDY FOR MEN continues this Wednesday, July 16th. Sinclair Ferguson answers the question: *“Who Is the Holy Spirit?”* Time: 10:30-NOON.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JULY– (TODAY) 13th Nancy Davis, Gail Grissom; 20th Joanna Martin, Rebecca Hagedorn; 27th Joan Pretorius, Kathleen George.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE – JUNE 20th. The session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a pulpit committee, details of which you were notified in a letter mailed last week. If you did not receive the letter, a copy is available on a table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy, read it, and be in prayer for that meeting.

AFTER-CHURCH LUNCHEON – to follow the worship service of the 27th. Please sign up in the foyer.

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer’s flow’r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

THOUGH TROUBLES ASSAIL US

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright; though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, yet one thing secures us, whatever betide: the promise assures us, “The Lord will provide.”

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed; from them let us learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied, so long as ’tis written, “The Lord will provide.”

When Satan assails us to stop up our path, and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith. He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried, this heart-cheering promise, “The Lord will provide.”

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim; yet since we have known of the Savior’s great name, in this our strong tower for safety we hide; the Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”

GREAT KING OF NATIONS, HEAR OUR PRAYER (stanzas 1-3 and 6)

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall, and humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away; but hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.

Our father’s sins were manifold, and ours no less we own, yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown.

With pitying eye behold our need, and thus we lift our prayer; correct us with your judgments, Lord, then let your mercy spare.

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...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20



“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3: 22 - 23

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OUR VISION

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a vibrant and unified community of Christians and their covenant children whose sole desire is to glorify God in everything. Because God’s grace has won our affections we are wholeheartedly committed to the following: the absolute authority of the Bible because it is the very Word of God; enthusiastic and biblical worship; deeds of mercy and sacrificial service; earnest prayer; deepening relationships with one another; and joyful, intentional proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ to all the world beginning in Brevard. We warmly welcome as members all who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and fully share our vision.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is to glorify the triune God by exalting Him and by edifying and equipping our members to share the gospel with everyone in both word and deed beginning in Bre vard and to the ends of the earth.